

## NJF Scientific committee board meeting 1/2017

Minutes from the meeting of the NJF Scientific Committee, on 4<sup>th</sup> October 2017, at SEGES, Axelborg, Copenhagen, Denmark

**Participants:** Fredrik Fogelberg president, Kirsty McKinnon (Plant), Birgitta Åhman (Reindeer, via SKYPE), Tor Mikael Lassén (Animals), Snorri Sigurdsson (Technology). Secretary General: Anna Mårtensson

1. The chairperson, Fredrik Fogelberg, opened the meeting.
2. The general secretary was appointed keeper of the minutes.
3. The agenda was approved.
4. Tor Mikael Lassén was appointed to verify the minutes together with the president.
5. The chairpersons of the section boards (section leaders) reported activities from their respective section as follows.

**Technology - Snorri Sigurdsson.** A conference on AMS, automatic milking systems is planned for next April. The Agromek conference will be also be held next autumn. A meeting for planning this will be held in January 2018. A replacement of the chairperson of the section is foreseen since Snorri Sigurdsson will take up a new position.

**Plant - Kirsty McKinnon.** A conference on organic farming has been conducted in June and a legume oriented conference will be held in November. A planned conference on plant nutrition has been postponed. A new Danish representative is needed.

**Animal - Tor Mikael Lassén reported.** The planned animal welfare and longevity conference in Riga has to be cancelled. The fur section will have a conference in October, expected number of participants are around 75. The fur section has 4 working groups, a book on feed is on its way.

**Economics - Jarkko Niemi** has send a report to the general secretary. NJF conference no 500 was organized in Seinäjoki, Finland, in September with 27 participants. A book of abstracts and presentations will be made available on the internet. The conference was followed by another workshop (NJF contributed to that as well) where the participants identified research possibilities in the field of economics applied to animal health and welfare. Two other conferences have not yet been confirmed.

**Reindeer – Birigta Åhman.** A conference in Jukkasjärvi in collaboration with the Nordic Ministry Council has been conducted, 62 participants.

**Environment –** no report was delivered to the board.





6. Scientific support of the NJF congress in Lithuania 2018. It was decided that each section, except the reindeer section, should have at least one representative in the congress scientific committee, preferably the chairperson and/or one more representative. The names of the representatives must be communicated to Linas Stabingis and the NJF-C as soon as possible. The respective chairperson of the section is responsible for this. The tasks for the congress scientific committee members are to select and contact keynote speakers in collaboration with the section board and to read incoming abstracts. The scientific committee will also have the responsibility to appoint the best congress poster and oral presentation.
7. Time and place for the next board meeting will be communicated later.

Keeper of the minutes

Anna Mårtensson, Secretary General

Verified by

Fredrik Fogelberg, President

Tor Mikael Lassén, Animal section